U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER **BOIXANDERA1** TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known.see 37 CFR 1.5) **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** 10/522410 **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. July 26, 2002 July 22, 2003 PCT/ES03/000377 TITLE OF INVENTION AUTOMATIC SYSTEM FOR TAKING UP AND HANDLING A CONNECTING TOWROPE BETWEEN A TUGBOAT AND A TOWED VESSEL APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Josep VILA BOIXANDERA et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) as soon as the application is in order for such purpose and the applicable requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c) have been complied with. 4. [] The US has been elected (Art 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [X] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [] An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [] A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. [X] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. A computer-readable sequence form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. [] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 20. [X] Other items or information: [X] Courtesy copy of the first page of the International Publication (WO 04/012989 A1). [X] Formal drawings, 4 sheets, Figures 1-6. [X] Courtesy Copy of the International Search Report. [X] The application is (or will be) assigned to: Sar Remolcadores, S.L. and Encopim, S.L. whose addresses are Joan de Brobo, 92, Piso 2, 08039 Barcelona, Spain and C/del Parc, 5 (Nave 13), P.I. Els Pinetons, 08291 Ripollet, Barcelona (Spain).

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